

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Randy Spence present, Gael Damron, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

Officials: Mayor Bob Gale present, Solicitor Christopher D. Becker present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Walt Ziembra absent.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to approve the minutes for December 19, 2019 Meeting.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Mary Beth Allen, President of the Wintersville Women's Club inquired of the two signs they had bought to have installed on each end of town. The Mayor assured her the signs will be put up as soon as possible. The club has purchased new flags to be hung in the Village also. Ms. Allen would like to see more businesses involved with beautification sponsorships and would like to see more activities. Mayor Gale agreed but explained the difficulty in finding volunteers to help with projects.

Frank Takach again spoke of his concerns with the proposed landfill. Mr. Takach inquired if stenciling could be used on Village streets for bicyclists. The Mayor said they will not be stenciling the streets due to cost and maintenance.

Rich Olivito introduced himself and asked for council's support in the upcoming March election as he is running for state representative.

Reorganization

Mayor Gale opened the floor for nominations of council president. Bob Merriman nominated Robert Martin for council president.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to close the nominations.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Gale requested council review the Rules of Council before next week's meeting.

Chief Fowler addressed council requesting permission to advertise sealed bids for a 2011 Ford Flex seized by the police department.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by bob Merriman to approve.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve Chief Fowler purchasing a new cruiser.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports & Announcements

The newly hired Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Wood, will be starting the week of January 13, 2020. Tom Straka will train him for two weeks. Mr. Wood will be using his own vehicle.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to authorize \$10.00/day for gas and wear and tear of his vehicle.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor read the Magistrate & Police reports for the month of December.

Mayor read the code Enforcement Officers report for the month of December.

The new rates take effect January 1, 2020.

Administrator's Report

A news Clipping of Bruce Snider's award as Ohio Rural Water's Operator of the Year was shared. Mr. Ziembra reached out to ODOT about the Rt. 43 Resurfacing Project and they expect to have the project completed by Fall of 2020. A reminder of expected delays are expected Sunday, January 12, 2020 as the super load will be passing through the Village. A breakdown of Salt purchases thus far with a cost of \$49,075.76.

New Business

Jason Mattern thanked Ms. Allen and the Woman's Club for their caring and hard work within the Village and again assured her the signs will be up shortly. Mr. Mattern spoke of the 10 year plan for road paving and the rising costs and potential for unexpected delays with these types of projects. He wished Rich Olivito luck in the spring election. Mr. Mattern inquired as to the status of Meadow Park and was told nothing has been able to be done yet. A small gazebo is plausible. He is also interested in the water/loss ratio update. The Seven Ranges Fire District met and nominated Scott Campbell as the Chairman and Robert Laukert as Vice-Chairman. The burn building is moving forward. Day Circle potholes need addressed.

Randy Spence reminded village residents that he is always available by phone, text or email.

Robert Martin thanked fellow council members for the vote as president of council and looks forward to everyone working together for the betterment of the Village.

Unfinished Business

None.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to pay bill as fund become available.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to go into executive session to discuss personnel disciplinary action.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to come out of executive session.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to adjourn until the next council meeting on January 16, 2020.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

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Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor